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## Hello!

Despite what some of you seem to think, this issue is not late. Read the first page of DH#11. Here I am, right on time, after the Christmas break.

The cover of this issue is the frog that my company (CRDS) is using in their advertisements. I'm not sure how well it came out, but he is supposed to be holding a computer microprocessor chip that says "68000" on it (for the Motorola 68000 chip). It looks quite a bit better in color, but I can't get everything.

This cover is dedicated to the memory of my first zine, Black Frog.

My Christmas was nice, and the break for a month was quite a pleasant one. But now I'm back. I wish all of you a good year. Now, if only I can remember that this is 82, not 81 ...

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GARDEN STATE!

STANDBY RUSSIA

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# Ramblings

**FLEXIBLE BUILD GAME:** I am afraid that I am finally giving up on the flexible build game. Over the course of the game opening I have had about 14 people signed up, but every time that I seem to finally get the people together, more people bow out. I guess it just isn't that easy to get people together for a variant unless you really push. For those of you who have sent money to me for the game, a refund will be in the mail soon.

**FUTURE OF DOT HAPPY:** One announcement that I would like to make is that I expect to be spending somewhat less time this year on Dot Happy than I did last year. Before you start worrying, let me assure you that I have NO intentions of folding. I do enjoy running games, and the games in DH will be carried to their conclusions. However, there have been a number of things that have made me stop to reconsider how I use my time. Basically, my reasons are as follows:

1) Work and work related things have been taking more time than I had originally expected.

2) The way that I presently work things, almost all of my output goes into Dot Happy. I don't have the time or effort left to contribute things to other zines, and I miss that.

3) Steve and I have been working on the design of a number of games. One that has been turning out well is a fantasy role-playing game that we are quite proud of. Unfortunately, this is presently reaching the point where there is a lot of time consuming work that needs to be done.

4) Contributions to Dot Happy by readers has been tapering off, and I don't want to pick that all up by myself.

So, I have decided that I will be toning my effort in Dot Happy down. I will still be committed to prompt and thorough servicing of the games that I carry, but non-game material is likely to suffer.

**BLACK FROG:** The big news here is that Black Frog is folding. I will especially miss it since it was through Jack Masters that I was brought into the hobby. Black Frog was one of my first two zines to subscribe and start to play in. It will be missed.

In the time that Black Frog graced my mailbox, it was certainly one of the most unique and usually enjoyable zines that I received. In it's peak, it was undoubtedly without peer. I looked forward to seeing the next BF arrive, and I usually didn't have long to wait. It's first place showing in the Leader Poll was no surprise to me.

Black Frog was one of the fastest hitting zines to blitz the hobby, and one of the best appreciated. It's fall was just as drastic. As most of you no doubt know, Jack has come under attack from many hobby members about his taking humor pieces and re-writing them for Diplomacy settings without acknowledging the original authors. Unfortunately, Jack has a strong temper, and things sort of got out of hand. Everything has been downhill from there.

Now, his contacts with the hobby are all but severed. There are many bitter feelings still. And there has not yet been any effort to rehouse the games. If anyone has lost, it has been the hobby.

To the memory of Jack Masters and Black Frog.

**TORPEDO:** Yet another fold is in the works, I'm afraid. I talked with Bern Sampson this week, and it seems that work pressures are making him cut back severely. He plans to keep running his games via flier, but Torpedo will be folding. In addition, he will be finding someone else to publish Everything. These two folds affect me fairly strongly since between BF and T, I am in three games.

**GOOD NEWS:** Not all is folding. On the upswing are Europa Express and Hoof and Mouth, both of which have expanded their format and are good zines to check out. Also out of the woodwork came another Retaliation, in digest form no less! So it looks like we will see more from Dick!

# ARTICLES

This month I have an article by 'Dicky Spleen' which I found in my mailbox. I don't have any idea who this really is from, but here we have:

## I, The Crabby by Dicky Spleen

I'd gotten the word from the IDA that something big was up. Word had spread all through the Diplomacy underground that a big meet had been scheduled in St. Louis. The IDA wanted me to see what was going on.

It didn't take much snooping to realize that this St. Louis thing was the biggest thing to hit the midwest in years. I don't mind tellin' ya, I was scared. It takes a lot to scare Sham Spade, but in all of my 25 years as a private dick, I've never come up against anything like this.

I found out that the "boys" from Chicago were going to be there, along with some of the southern connection. I had to find a way to get inside, and uncover this con before anybody got hurt, especially me.

A short bus ride later, I was in the Windy City. I needed a complete list of the people who were involved. I took a cab to the near north side to the apartment of the "organizer" of the event, Eric (the Red) Ozog. I was mugged three times walking from the cab to the house, but fortunately, they didn't take my burglers tools.

I knew that since it was Sunday, Eric would be in church, so I didn't worry about getting caught. In no time flat, I was in. I found what I was looking for right away, the "list". It was sitting on top of a pile of papers in the bathtub, just waiting for me.

I couldn't help letting out a low whistle as I scanned the names on that white Ozog stationary.

"Big John" Michalski, Gary "Memphis Flash" Coughlan, and Paul "Bunyan" Rauterberg were going to be there. Guy Hail and his moll Libby, part of the oil-rich Conner mob out of Austin, were going to Memphis to "take care of some business" and then come to St. Louis together with Gary.

The north was represented by Scott "Hangman" Hanson, the boss from Minneapolis. He was going to be in St Louis that weekend anyway. He had a fix on the Minnesota Viking - St Louis Cardinal game, and he wanted to make sure that Bud Grant didn't get out of line and try to win.

The Chicago mob was led by Eric and included Peter "The Masher" Ashley, Andy "Butcher" Lischett, and Bob "Boom Boom" Osuch. This completed the list, except for two other names; Dwayne Shreve and Jim Williams.

This was highly unusual, because I thought that both of these names were aliases used only by the real "bad boys" of Diplomacy from the East Coast Mob.

I decided to check into this "Jim Williams" character. I rented a car after leaving the Ozog residence and drove to the small town of Altoona, Iowa where "JR" supposedly resided. I was not surprised when I discovered that the address, given as Williams', was somewhere in the middle of a soy bean field.

"So it is true!" I remember thinking "This JR Williams guy really doesn't exist!"

I remembered reading on Ozog's list "Hangman" Hanson was due to ride to St Louis with "Jim Williams" and a plan came to mind. I would be taking a big chance, and the success of my plan would rest on only one thing, whether Scott had ever met the person using the Jim Williams alias. If he had, I'd be setting myself up for a big fall, the biggest.

It was Monday Oct 19th, and I had less than 4 days to put my plan into action. During those hectic 4 days, backed by IDA money, I rented a house, hired an actress to pose as my wife, and caught a case of the crabs unequalled in modern medicine. I didn't expect that in Iowa.

The 23rd arrived all too quickly, and I was forced to do the best I could without benefit of medical treatment. Being a Private Eye can be a bitch sometimes.

I put my plan into action. Scott the "Hangman" was coming in on the 5.30 bus, so at 4:30 I went to the bus station. I had some empty suitcases and a 3' sign that said "I AM SCOTT HANSON" and I began patrolling the terminal. At 4:40, my

investment began to pay dividends.

I felt a tap on my shoulder and heard a voice say "Hello Scott. I am (ahem) Jim Williams." I turned around and faced a tall distinguished gentleman of about 40. "I wasn't expecting you to be so, uh, visible, but nonetheless I'm pleased to meet you" he continued as he extended his hand.

I shook hands with him and put down my sign. "Yeah, ... well ... I just wanted to make sure you didn't miss me."

"Jim" just smiled. "I'll take you to the car now. We're just going to leave from here if that's all right with you."

"Sure, fine!" I answered as I scratched my incredibly itchy crotch. I always did have a way with words.

We walked in silence out of the sprawling terminal and into the parking lot. When we put down my bags, and as "Jim" opened the trunk, I hit him hard on the back of the head. He crumpled like a house of cards in a hurricane.

Looking around to see if anyone was watching, I noticed another bus pulling in. Hurridly, I hoisted the unconscious stranger into the trunk, throwing my phony bags in after him. Giving one last look around, I slammed the trunk lid down, grabbed the keys and headed back to the terminal.

No sooner had I walked in the door, when I spotted a young man in a pin-striped suit carrying a sign that said "I am Scott Hanson".

Somewhat taken by surprise, I regrouped and walked up to him. "Hello Scott" I began cleverly "I'm Jim Williams". The man put his sign down and gave me a puzzled look. "I .. uh .. wasn't expecting you to be so .. uh .. visible" I continued.

"Well, I was expecting you to be more distinguished" he countered. This was going to be a fun weekend, I could tell.

After the introductory formalities were dispensed with, we headed for the parking lot. My car was parked about 100 ft from the Continental with the packed trunk. I silently wished pleasant dreams as we passed it.

Everything went off without a hitch. I brought Scott to my "home", introduced him to my "wife" and "brother-in-law" (the local IDA agent). Trying not to be in too much of a hurry, I was ready to go by 7:00. After appropriately kissing my wife good-bye, we hit the road.

The trip was uneventful for the most part, the silence broken only by the blaring tape deck and some occasional small talk. I wanted to impress Scott as a "silent type" in order to discourage conversation. It worked well enough. My plan for the whole weekend, in fact, was to try and blend into the background and try not to be noticed much. I didn't want to get too chummy with these thugs.

After about 6 hours on the road, we finally arrived at the St Louis Best Western Airport Motel. We cased the place thoroughly before checking in. We were the first two to arrive at the meeting place, and we wanted to be sure it was "clean".

We soon found, after checking our room, that although the establishment was clean of law enforcement goons, it was not very clean in the sanitary sense. I could feel my crabs perk up as I walked into the room. Both beds were unmade, and the room looked as though it hadn't been cleaned after its last occupants, except for one thing. The toilet still had it's seal of sanitation ripped around the seat. It was good to know that my wastes would be entering a germ free environment.

I made sure I used the john first, scratching my infested pubis with unrestrained passion. I laughed when I thought of poor Scott, the big boss of Minneapolis, going home with some of my "pets". I drifted off to sleep, still chuckling about that.

The next morning dawned bright and cold. I would have to play my cards very carefully today, or suffer the consequences. I arose early and looked around some more, trying to memorize all escape routes, just in case.

After an anxious morning filled with idle chatter and a cheap breakfast, the rest of the mob arrived. It took only a moment to realize that nobody had every met anyone else. What a break! I would be able to sit in on everything that went on during the day.

I won't go into details of what happened that day. My report is on file at the IDA (It was well payed for, I might add.)

There were a lot of private discussions involving 2 or 3 people at a time that I was not privy to during the day and night. What I did find out was that these midwest mobsters were trying to perfect a European pipeline for illegal and black market items.

They had maps and markers, and were constantly trying to find weaknesses in different types of pipeline setups. I caught on after a while and joined in on their games, but I was careful not to stand out.

A few names popped up over and over again and the IDA took that news with much interest. I guess Bernie Oaklyn, John Boardman, and Kathy Byrne (Chicago Mayor's sister) are all on the East Coast, but they all have puppets in the Midwest.

I got the impression, though, that these "puppets" from the Midwest were planning on taking on the East Coast mob in July. Unfortunately, I could not get any details on that.

My biggest accomplishment of the weekend, though, stemmed from the fact that I itched and scratched myself in every bathroom I could. I was chaffed and sore when it was over, but if "Haugman" Hanson's uncomfortable ride home was a hint of everyone else's then the entire midwest mob has something to remember me by.

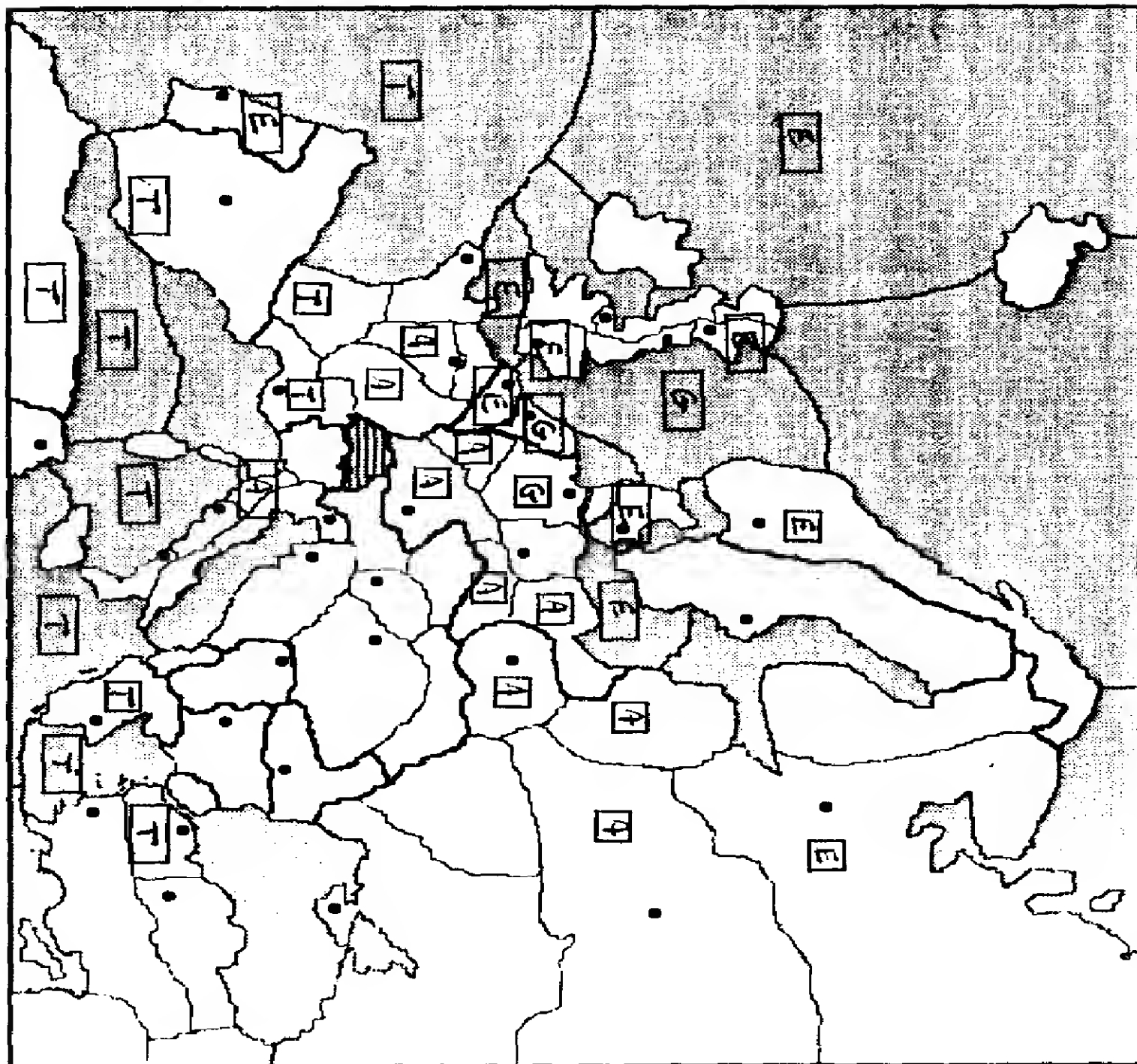
The only negative thing that happened during the whole weekend was that after dropping Scott off at the bus station, I bought a paper and read about a body that had been found in the trunk of a car in the depot parking lot.

Gez, I had forgotten about him, and now, "Jim Williams" was dead. The IDA has told me that they'll keep this news under their hat if I stay on the case and keep tracking midwest events. I guess I have no choice. How was I to know that that guy would suffocate in there? Oh well, Chicago con '82, here I come!

# Annie: 1960CU

# END

Deadline for end game statements is Thursday 04 March. Congratulations to the winners!



All is quiet as Europe pauses for peace. The end has arrived.

# THE GAMES

**Annie:** 1980CU

**END**

DRAW PASSED: A-T  
ANNIE IS FINISHED!!!!

Final Position:

Austria (McKnight): A War\*, A Liv\*, A Pru\*, A Mos\*, A Rur\*, A Bur\*, F Tus\*,  
A Par\*, A Sil\*, A Mun\*;  
England (Swartz): F Bel\*, A StP\*, F BalS\*, F EnCh\*, F Por\*, F Den\*, F NATI\*,  
A Nwy\*, F Lon\*, F Edi\*;  
Germany (Stark): F NthS\*, A Kie\*, F Hol\*;  
Turkey (JFDunn): A Gre\*, F NAT\*, F SpaSC\*, A Mar\*, A Gas\*,  
F MATI\*, F WMed\*, F TyrS\*, F AegS\*, F IonS\*, F Con\*;

Draw Vote:

For: Austria, England, Turkey  
No Vote: Germany

Game History: Annie - 1980CU

GM: Al Rodriguez (Twilight Zine) to Fall '03, Allen Wells (Dot Happy) to end  
Austria: Ralph McKnight - draw '07  
England: Donald Swartz to end  
France: Dan Kuszynski to Fall '03, CD - out '07  
Germany: Anthony Stark to end  
Italy: Paul Goodrich - out '06  
Russia: Hector Roybal to Fall '02, CD - out '04  
Turkey: James Dunn - draw '07

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07
Country:							
Austria:	5	7	8	9	10	10	10
England:	5	6	9	10	9	9	10
France:	4	3	2	1	1	1	-
Germany:	5	5	5	5	5	4	3
Italy:	4	5	2	1	1	-	-
Russia:	5	2	1	-	-	-	-
Turkey:	5	5	7	8	8	10	11

I believe that this is correct, and the BNC will be informed of this. If I have any errors in this, let me know and I will pass the information along.

Congratulations to the winners!! This has been a somewhat short game. Out of the three orphans I picked up from the Twilight Zine, this was the last to start and the first to finish. I don't really feel up to commenting on the game (since it was started by Al), so I am going to try to get Al to write up a GM end-game statement. For the rest of you, end game statements are solicited! Please submit them by 04 March for publication in the next DH.

**Sandy:** 1980CT

**Winter 1907/Spring 1908**

DRAW DEFEATED: AE

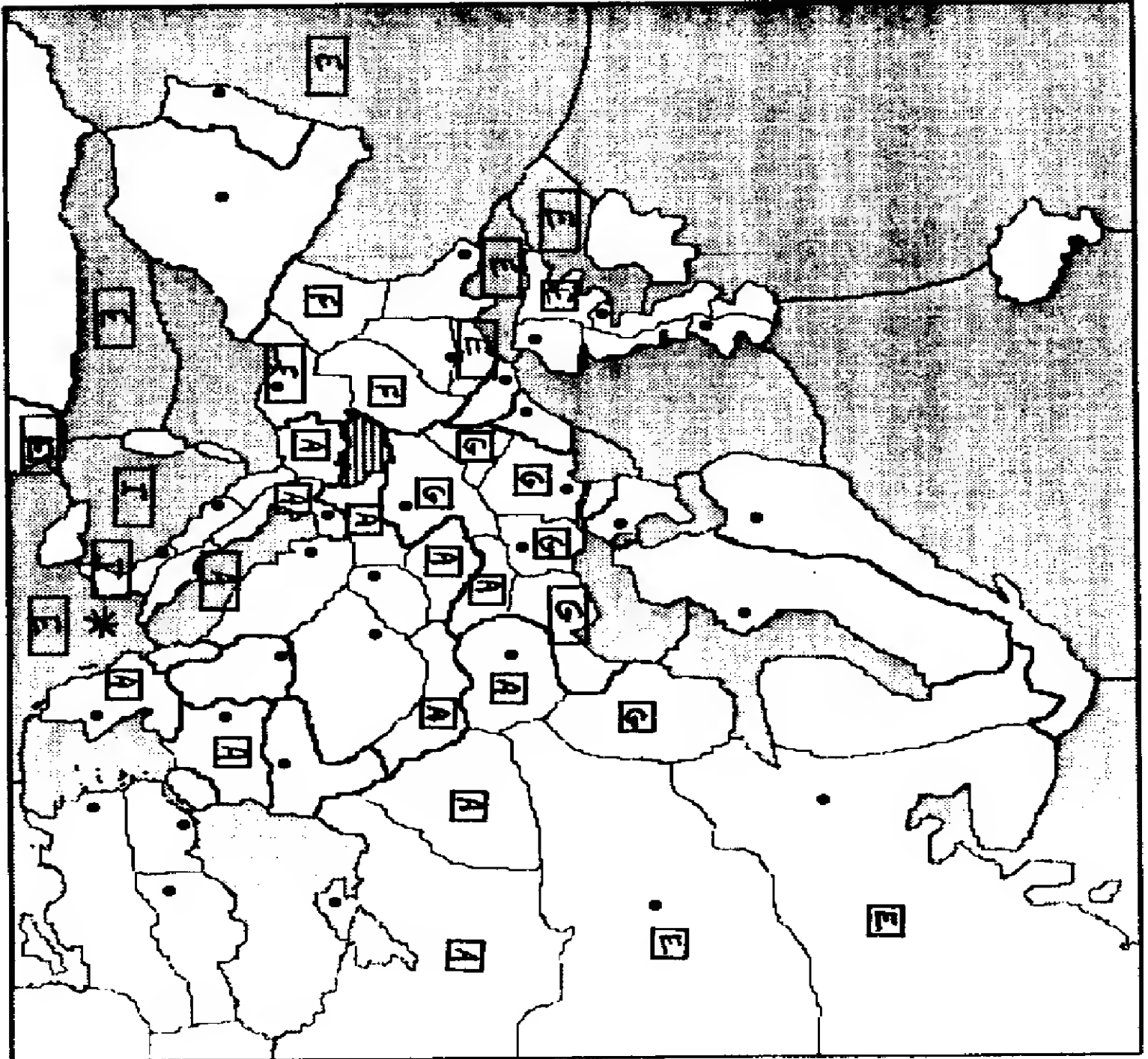
Austria (Sampson): Ank, Bud, Vie, Bul, Con, Gre, Rum, Ser, Sev, War,  
Tri, Smy, Ven (13) Builds: A Vie, F Tri;  
England (GCunningham): Home, Bel, Bre, Mos, Nor, Por, StP, Tun  
(10) Builds: A Lon, F Lpl;



Sandy: 1980CT

Winter 1907/Spring 1908

Deadline for Fall 08 is Thursday 04 March.



North continues to stalemate, but things are moving in the south. Austria is losing ground in the Med, as France and Italy seem to shift their alliances. Are there more changes in store?

France (JADunn):	Mar, Par, Spa, -Por	(3) Disbands: F WMed,
Germany (Kelly):	Home, Swe, Hol, Den	(6) No Change;
Italy (Giddings):	Nap, Rom, -Tun	(2) Disbands: F Apu;
Austria (Sampson):	A Sev* S A Ukr, F IonS If [r-??*], A Gre* H, A War* S A Sil, A Ukr* S A War, A Boh* S A Sil, A Tyr* S A Boh, A Pie* S A Tyr, A Sil* S A War, A Ven* S A Pie, A Bul* H, A Vie-Gal*, F Tri-AdriS*; England (GCunningham): F Pic*-Bre, A StP* S A Mos, F MATI-WMed*, F Tun-IonS*, F Por-MATi*, F EnCh*-Bre, A Mos* S Ger A Liv, F NAI-Tun*, A Lon-Wal*, F Lpl-IriS*; France (JADunn): A Gas*-Bre, A Mar-Bur*, F GLyo-Mar*; Germany (Kelly): A Mun* S A Ber, F Pru* S A Ber, A Liv* S Eng A Mos, A Rur* S A Mun, A Ber* S F Pru, A Kie* S A Mun; Italy (Giddings): F TyrS* S Eng F Tun-IonS, F Rom-Nap*;	

Deadline for Fall 03 is Thursday 04 March.

**Austria:** Austria votes yes to the draw. Austria will continue to vote yes to any draw that includes Austria.

**London:** His Majesty's government offers its condolences to the family of the deceased Austrian Emperor, Emperor Ragsdale. He was a fine man, a ruler of a great country, a man that will live on in the memories of people around the world. His Majesty salutes you.

**England-Governments of Europe:** Enough blood has been shed. I suggest we call a peace conference to see if we can bring this senseless, bloody war to an end.

**Italy-Austria:** No use for the old dago, he? Guess I'll help the limey.

## Daddy Warbucks: 1980AS

## Fall 1908

England (CD):	F BalS*, F BarS*, F GBot* F MATi*, A Den [d*];
France (Grabar):	F SpaSC* H, A Hol* H, A Bur*-Mun, A Pie-Tyr*, A Bel* S A Hol, F EnCh-Lon*;
Russia (Albrecht):	A Mun-Rur*, A Ber-Kie*, A Boh*-Mun, A Swe* S A Kie-Den, A Vie*-Bud, A StP-Nwy*, F NthS* C A Nwy-Edi, A Nwy-Edi*, A Kie-Den*, A Mos-Ukr*, A War-Gal*, A Sev*-Rum; Turkey (JADunn): A Ven-Tri*, A Tri-Bud*, F Tun-IonS*, F TyrS* H, F Con-BlaS*, F Apu-Ven*, A Ser* S A Tri-Bud, F AegS* S A Ven-Tri, A Bul-Rum*, A Arm* H;

England (CD):	Lpl, -Den, -Edi, -Hol, -Kie, -Lon	(1) Removes: 3;
France (Grabar):	home, Bel, Por, Spa, +Hol, +Lon	(8) Build: 2;
Russia (Albrecht):	home, Ber, Mun, Nwy, Rum, Ser, Swe, Vie, +Den, +Edi, +Kie, -Bud	(14) Builds: 2;
Turkey (JADunn):	home, Bul, Gre, Nap, Rom, Tri, Tun, Ven, +Bud	(11) Builds: 1;

Deadline for Winter 08 is Thursday 04 March.

**France:** The situation around England looks very interesting. I would hope Russia would have enough sense to pull back and not antagonize France.

**RUS-TUR:** You send these kids off to college and they turn into ingrates. What are they leaching at the University of Houston these days? It can't be compassion for the ally who has helped you through all of these game years.

## Junipero Serra: 1981AT

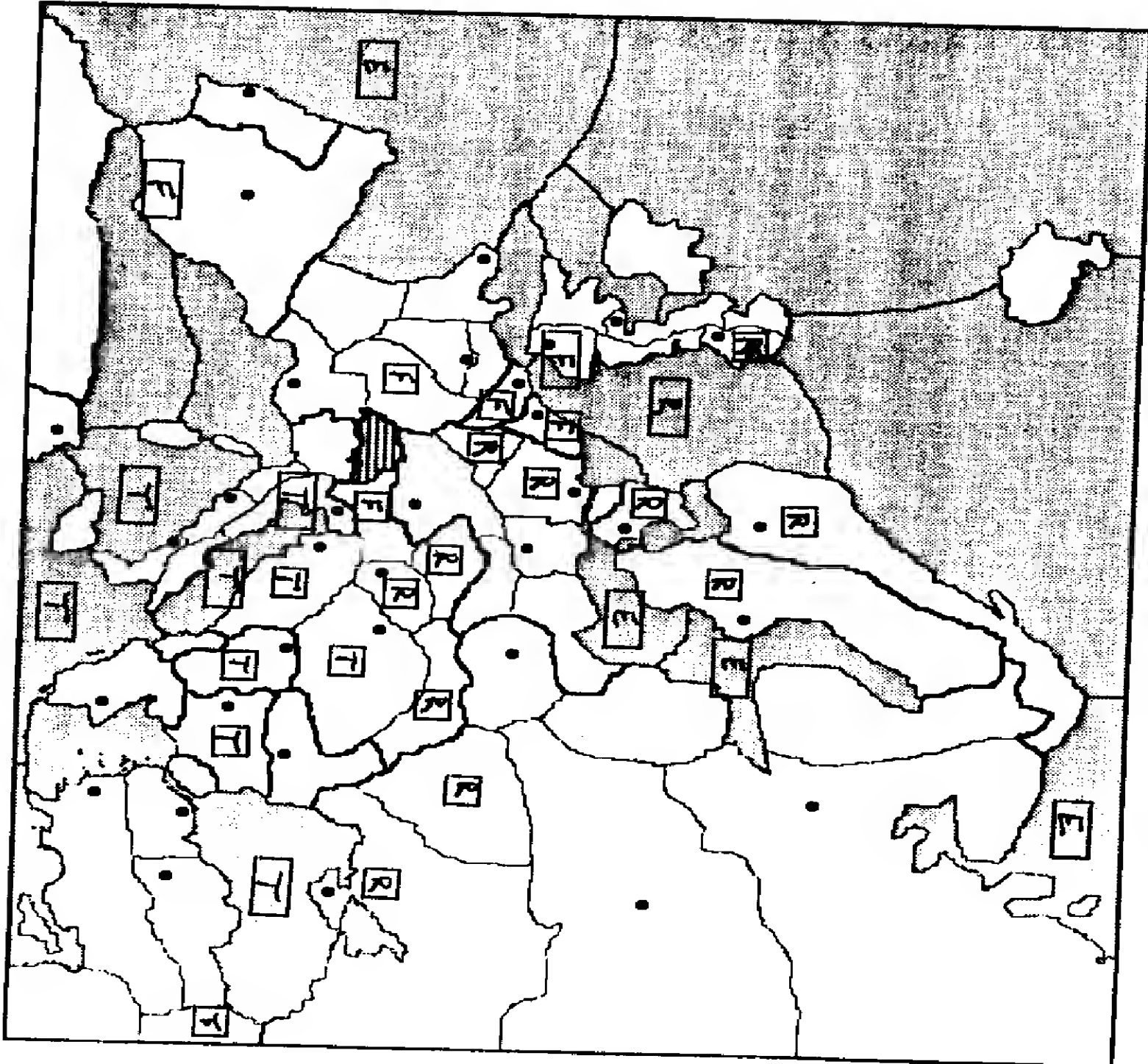
## Fall 03/Spring 04

DRAW DEFEATED: EFG

# Daddy Warbucks: 1980AS

Deadline for Winter 08 is Thursday 04 March.

## Fall 1908



England continues to fade as France and Turkey draw up lines against Russia. Who will gain the upper hand? Can Russia survive the alliance? Can the alliance hold together?

FRENCH STANDBY: Mary Beck

Italy (Sampson): A Ven [r-Rom\*];  
Russia (Noto): A Rum [r-Ukr\*];

Austria (Eaton):	Bud, Tri, Vie	(3) No Change;
England (Hammer):	home, Nwy, Swe, Tun	(6) Builds: F Lpl;
France (Blant):	home, Spa, Por, Ven	(6) Builds: F Bre;
Germany (Kozlowski):	home, Bel, Den, Hol, War	(7) Builds: A Ber;
Italy (Sampson):	Gre, Rom, Nap, Ser	(4) Removes: A Ser;
Russia (Noto):	Mos, Sev, StP	(3) Removes: A StP;
Turkey (Noble):	home, Bul, Rum	(5) Builds: F Con;

Austria (Eaton):	A Bud* S A Tri-Ser, A Tri-Ser*, F Alb-Tri*;
England (Hammer):	F GBot* S A Fin-StP, A Fin-StP*, F Nwy-NthS*, F Tun* H, F MATI-EnCh*, F Lpl-IriS*;
France (Blant):	NMR!!! F NAI*, A Spa*, A Bur*, Mar*, A Ven*, F Bre*;
Germany (Kozlowski):	A Mun-Rur*, A War* S A Gal [r-???*], F Bel* S F Kie-Hol, F Kie-Hol*, A Tyr*-Ven, A Gal* S Rus F Sev-Rum [nso], A Ber-Sil*;
Italy (Sampson):	A Rom*-Ven, F TyrS* S F Gre-IonS, F Gre-IonS*, F GLyo* S F TyrS;
Russia (Noto):	F Sev* H, A Ukr-War*, A Mos* S A Ukr-War;
Turkey (Noble):	A Bul*-Ser, F Rum* H, F IonS* S Ita F Gre-Alb [nso] [r-???*], A Arm-Ank*, F Con-AegS*;

Deadline for Fall 04 is Thursday 04 March. Orders can be made conditional on who is playing France.

R-G&E: I realize I am in violation of our agreement, but the Russian government feels that it is in the best interest of the balance of power in Europe to slow you down. While this may lead to my demise, at least the European continent will remain intact. Good luck.

Mos-Par: Re: the picture of your wife & you in Europa Express. Who got what they wanted; the Dip player or the love maker?

R-T: That was you I spoke to on the phone the other night, wasn't it?

Armenia-World: I support the draw proposal. That means I come in second - which is better than ??? Unfortunately we all know Austria will vote "no" in order to set everybody up for his buddy Germany. Tsk Tsk - too bad.

Italy-FGE: FFFFFHHHHHHHHHTTTTTTTTT!!!!!!!

England-France: Silence is not golden in this game. I apologize if you stayed out of the channel.

Budapest: The celebration is non-stop. Austria-Hungary - an unoccupied homeland after three years! The repentant Italians have even left Serbia. Let this be a lesson to all!

## Garden State: 1981HD

## Winter 1901

STANDBY FOR RUSSIA: Jeff Albrecht - SEE PAGE 1

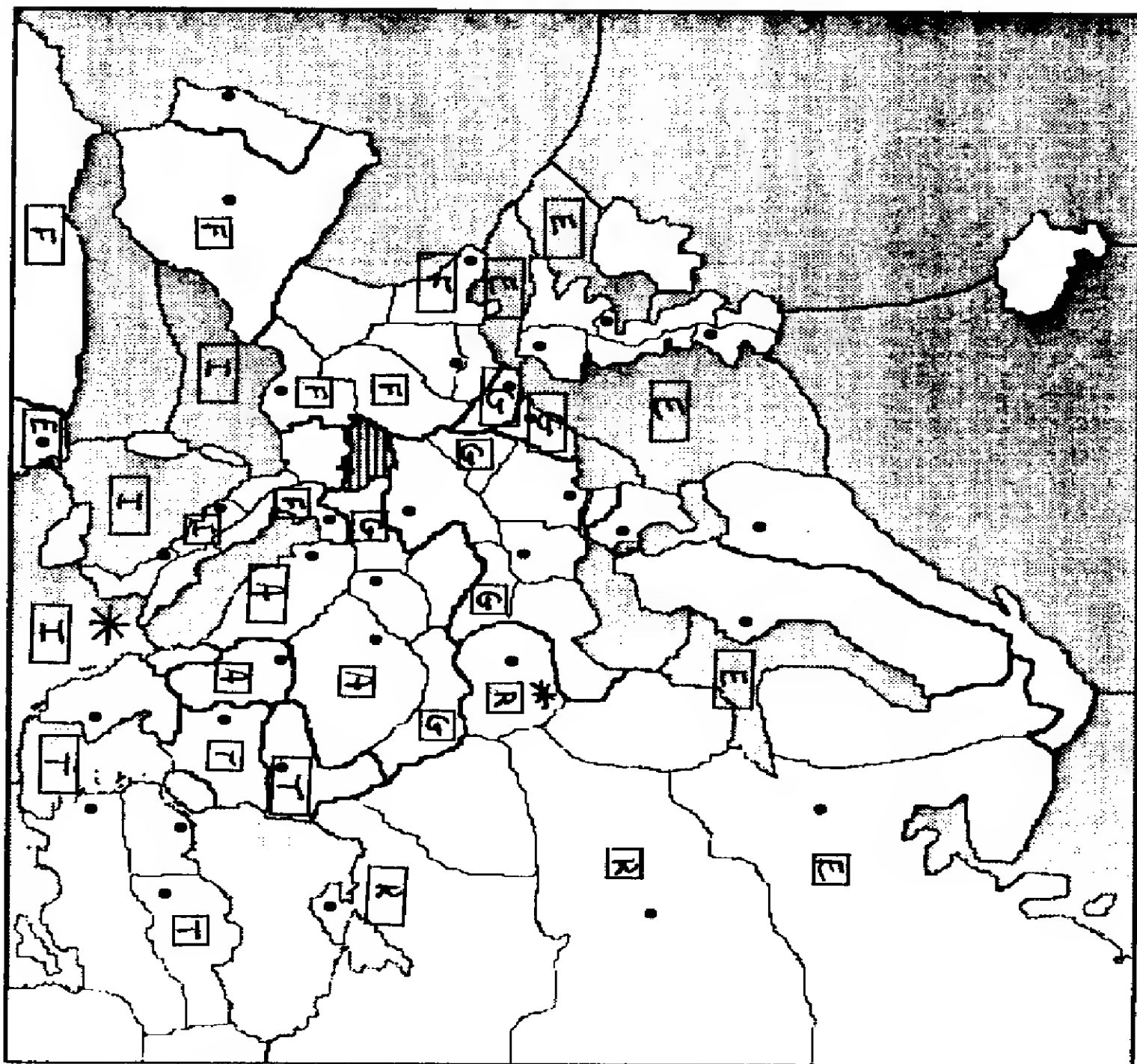
Austria (Conlon):	home, Ser	(4) Builds: A Vie;
England (Baumeister):	home, Bel, Nwy	(5) Builts: F Lon, F Edi;
France (Hugh):	home, Por, Spa	(5) Builds: A Par, F Mar;
Germany (JTDunn):	home, Den, Hol	(5) Builds: A Kie, A Mun;
Italy (Goodrich):	home	(3) No Change;
Russia (Gray):	home, Swe	(5) Builts: NBR!!! one short;
Turkey (Peery):	home, Bul, Rum	(5) Builts: F Con, F Smy;
Neutral:	Gre, Tun	(2)

Austria (Conlon):	F Tri*, A Gal*, A Ser*, A Vie*;
England (Baumeister):	F NthS*, F Nwy*, A Bel*, F Lon*, F Edi*;
France (Hugh):	F Por*, A Bur*, A Spa*, A Par*, F Mar*;

# Junipero Serra: 1981AT

## Fall 03/Spring 04

Deadline for Fall 04 is Thursday 04 March. Orders can be made conditional on who is playing France.

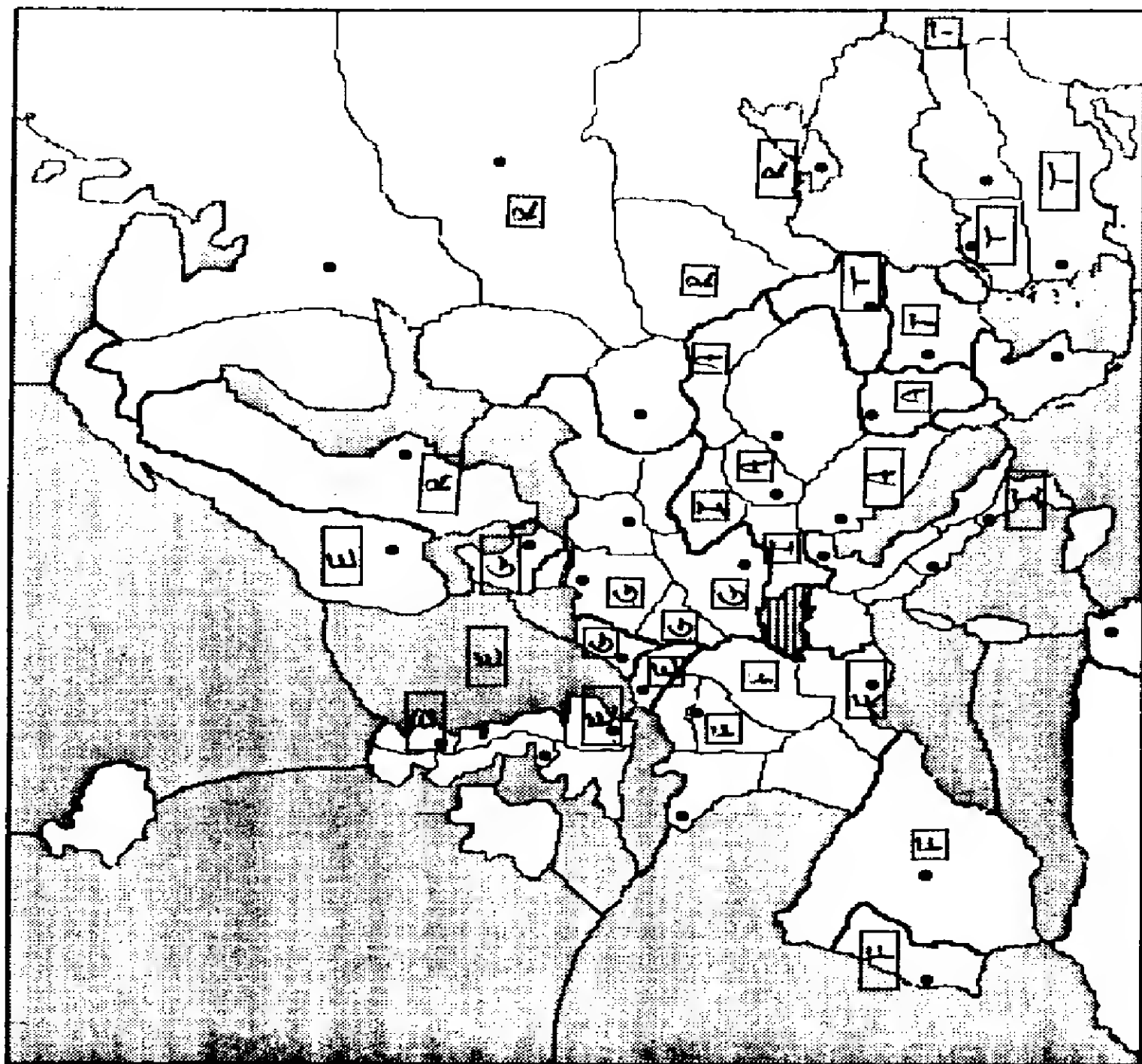


Austrian celebrations run rampant as the people celebrate the re-union of their homeland! Europe in confusion as alliances seem to be shifting. Italy and Turkey come to heads as Italy abandons the Balkans for home defense.

# Garden State: 1981HD

## Winter 1901

Deadline for Spring 02 is Thursday 04 March. Orders can be made conditional on who is playing Russia.



Austria tries to butter up the GM, but to no avail. (Well, maybe a little vail).  
 Supermen come down hard on Italy. France still looking under bushes.

Germany (JTDunn):	F Den*, A Hol*, A Rur*, A Kie*, A Mun*;
Italy (Goodrich):	A Boh*, A Tyr*, F Nap*;
Russia (Gray):	F Sev*, A Mos*, A Ukr*, F Swe*;
Turkey (Peery):	A Bul*, A Arm*, F Rum*, F Con*, F Smy*;

Deadline for Spring 02 is Thursday 04 March. Orders can be made conditional on who is playing Russia.

NOTE: This season was delayed until now because of a mess-up in Uli Baumeister's mail. In particular, on the day of the deadline (in Jan) I got Uli's zine back with "recipient moved - no forwarding address" written all over it. Needless to say, I was quite surprised. On checking with Uli, I found that I had indeed put the right address on the zine, somehow the PO had really messed up, and spent 28 days getting it back to me to boot! I haven't heard of any other cases of this, so apparently Uli is getting everything else.

**AUS-ITA:** YOU NEVER ASKED if you could enter my realm. Now you shall have the opportunity to meet Snowball, an albino dwarf better known for his work with the good Dr. Trujillo in the Dominican Republic.

**SARAJEVO:** ASSASSIN STILL AT LARGE STOP BELIEVED HIDING IN GREECE STOP WILL PURSUE STOP REQUEST TURKISH ASSISTANCE STOP STOP

All signs at the Austrian borders read: No One Gets Out of Here Alive (or, vampires are a protected species; possession of a wooden stake is a punishable offense)

**GM-Austria:** A most civilized nation! Bravo!! I applaud you!!! And no, you don't get extra brownie points, but good try!

**France-Germany:** We're looking under every possible bush for General Pusseilles as he seems to be cloaked and sandwiched between two cumbersome T'ighes; the hairs of which seem to conceal his presence. His where-about, known to be in Burgundy, isn't exactly mentionable, because, as true Frenchmen, we'll be sure to lick the final outcome and behead this soundrel. Would the German Ambassador please forgive this gross intrusion upon his native soil??

**Superman Press:** I've seen insuperable, gross blunders in my short lived career as fantastic as Black Jack's famous Turkish opening "A Smy-Syr" and the unmentionable Russian idiot playing "F StPSC-Nor", but for an Italian to play F Ion-Nap in Fall 1901 has to have one of three possibilities:

- 1) He was threatened by an outside source - "wrong"!
- 2) The commander of the fleet forgot all his under-shorts, money, house keys, head, wife, etc. and found it imperative to return - "I don't think so?"
- 3) He's simply opening his doors to his kingdom for all those wishing to take open supply centers. Watch out for France, Germany, Austria, Turkey, and Superman (it looked so inviting, I thought I'd get into the game.) Was that Goodrich or Goodyear?!

**Peerisfulofbull:** Does anybody have an Alkal-Seltzer to share?

## Parting Shots

And that's it for another issue of DH. It's amazing to me that it's been a year now. It doesn't seem that long.

Here's hoping that you all had holidays as pleasant as mine, and more of the best for all of you.

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